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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An exemplary embodiment of the invention relates to a method and system for managing computer system performance utilizing information acquired over the Internet. The system comprises a user system which further comprises a workstation; at least one peripheral device in communication with the workstation; at least one software application executable by the workstation; a consolidated monitoring tool executable by the workstation; and a database of product data relating to products installed on the user system. The system also comprises a communications link for allowing the user system to communication with a vendor system. The consolidated monitoring tool performs services to the user system including diagnostics, tuning, and configuration utilizing information acquired from the vendor system via the Internet as well as from the user system database. Embodiments include a method and system for managing computer system performance. The system includes a user system including a workstation executing a consolidated monitoring tool, and a communications link to a vendor system. The vendor system supplies components and services to the user system. Upon installing a new component or acquiring a new service, the consolidated monitoring tool queries the user system for an inventory of existing installed components, builds a database of information acquired in response to the queries, connects to the vendor system website using the communications link and vendor connection information extracted from the database, retrieves product information relating to the new component from the vendor system website, verifies requirements and compatibility of the new component against the existing installed components, determines an optimum configuration for the user system based upon the verification, and configures the user system in accordance with the optimum configuration.